

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method of operating a monitoring system using an image capture device, the method characterised by the steps of
 - a) manually defining a number of sectors on the field of view of the image capture device, and
 - b) manually assigning at least one independent monitoring parameter to each of the sectors,
 - c) manually assigning at least one independent control parameter to each of the sectors, and
 - d) signalling different and independent outputs for the sectors depending on the independent control parameter or parameters assigned to each sector.
2. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the positioning and size of the sectors are variable and selectable by an operator of the system.
3. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein each sector can be enabled simultaneously or independently with the other sectors.
4. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein each sector has assigned to it at least one event definition parameter.
5. (original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein at least one of the event definitions is motion detection.

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6. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein an output is the storage of data relating to an event.

7. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein an output is motion tracking by the image capture device.

8. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein an output is the triggering of an alarm.

9. (previously presented): A monitoring system operable by the method claimed in claim 1.

10. (previously presented): Hardware containing a set of instructions for operation of a monitoring system according to the method as claimed in claim 1.

11. (previously presented): A camera operable by the method as claimed in claim 1.

Claims 12-16 (canceled).